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VA New York Harbor offering walk-in COVID-19 vaccinations

NEW YORK — VA New York Harbor's facilities that administer COVID-19 vaccines are accepting walk-ins for eligible Veterans, spouses and caregivers for both the two-shot Pfizer vaccine and the one-shot Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccine.

This walk-in service ensures all Veterans enrolled in VA health care and those authorized under the <u>SAVE LIVES Act</u> have an opportunity to receive a COVID-19 vaccination from VA at a time convenient for them.

The effort is in support of the president's goal of administering at least one vaccine shot to 70% of the U.S. adult population by July 4. The urgency to vaccinate as many eligible individuals as quickly as possible remains a top priority for VA.

"VA encourages those who wish to get their COVID-19 vaccine without an appointment to check the walk-in hours and requirements at their <u>local facility</u>," said Acting VA Under Secretary for Health Richard Stone, M.D. "Individuals taking advantage of walk-in vaccinations may need to wait for the vaccine to be prepared and will be screened when entering the facility."

To date, VA has vaccinated <u>more than 2.7 million individuals</u>, including over 60,000 individuals under the SAVE LIVES Act. For more information about COVID-19 vaccinations at VA, <u>click here</u>.

<u>VA vaccination clinics are open between 8 am and 3 pm for walk-in appointments.</u> Face masks are mandatory for all and physical distancing measures will be in place.